

# SOCIETY

## Officialdom Plans Early Gayeties

By MILDRED MARSHALL KOONCE.

The official clan assembled for the opening of Congress, completing the magic circle and bringing the ranks of society up to full festive strength. Plans for the brief season of officialdom with its present personnel are nicely under way and the first gayeties have been inaugurated with fitting brilliancy. The bride and the debutante whose radiance illuminated the autumn months have been relegated to secondary importance before the coming of the official festivities, which, after all, are the real features of social life at the Capital.

Chief in interest, of course, among the initial events of the season was the White House dinner party on Thursday, when the President and Mrs. Wilson entertained a distinguished company in compliment to Mr. Vance McCormick, the magnificently efficient chairman of the Democratic National Committee. Close upon the heels of this first function will follow the Cabinet dinner on Tuesday and the reception to the Judiciary a week later. The comparatively early date of the first White House levee and the consequent advancing of the remaining hospitalities of officialdom sets the season in full swing long before the Christmas holidays. Though far from unprecedented, it is yet a novel situation and one calculated to bring more than the usual quota of gayety to the early winter months.

The Vice President and Mrs. Marshall are comfortably established in their luxurious suite at the Willard, which reflects so admirably the taste and individuality of its distinguished occupants. There they will entertain at dinner on Friday for the President and Mrs. Wilson, thus inaugurating the season of official dinners in honor of the Chief Executive and the "first lady." In accordance with state custom, the President of the United States dines only with the Vice President and the members of the Cabinet, who entertain in turn at brilliant affairs where the guests are culled from most distinguished and exclusive circles. Directly after the first White House reception, the Vice President and Mrs. Marshall will leave Washington to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Marshall's parents, Judge and Mrs. William E. Kimsey, in Arizona.

The Congressional Club opened its season of activities with a delightful entertainment for its members on Friday afternoon. Its social policy of gracious hospitality remains unchanged and the handsome clubhouse will be the scene of frequent gayeties while Congress remains in session—and perhaps thereafter. Many of the Congressional women have not yet returned to town, preferring to spend Christmas at home and

take up their social responsibilities after the holidays, while still others will not come at all for the short session. The Speaker and Mrs. Champ Clark are occupying their apartment again at Congress Hall, and have several guests who came on for the ceremonies attendant upon the convening of Congress. Mrs. Clark will likely spend Christmas at New Orleans with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James M. Thompson. The latter recently left Washington after a visit of a week or more en route from Boston to the South.

Miss Emily Kutz, Miss Nellie Johnson, Miss Dolores Crawford and Miss Robert Wiley were among the debutantes of the week whose coming-out parties gathered together the smart folk of Capital society. For beauty and artistry of setting, the marriage of Miss Margaret Emmet Smith and Mr. George Kennedy, jr., stands unrivaled in the annals of charming weddings of this and previous seasons. The studio of Mrs. Gillett Hill's house in R street with its great window veiled in woven smilax lighted entirely by tapers set in brass cathedral candelabra formed a uniquely picturesque background for one of the loveliest brides of the Capital.

MISS HELEN BRANCONIER SMITH, charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Richard Smith, whose engagement to Lieut. John Howard Hoover, U. S. N., was announced last week. The wedding will probably take place during the Christmas holidays.



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### About Prominent Folk

The Secretary of State and Mrs. Lansing will entertain at dinner on Thursday evening, January 11, in honor of the President and Mrs. Wilson.

The Russian Ambassador and Mme. Bakmeteff, who spent the week at New York, took an active part in the Russian bazaar which is being held under the auspices of the Russian-American Relief Association, of which Mme. Bakmeteff is honorary president. The Ambassador and Mme. Bakmeteff are expected to return to Washington today.

The Minister of Panama and Mme. Porras took possession last week of the residence 10, Sixteenth street, which they have leased for the winter.

The Secretary of War and Mrs. Newton Baker have as their guest Miss Katharine Lowe, of Cleveland, Ohio, who will pay them an indefinite visit.

Mrs. Burleson, wife of the Postmaster General, expects to go to Texas just after Christmas to make a short visit. Mrs. Burleson entertained Mrs. Helen Smith Woodruff, of New York, niece of the late Mrs. Hilary A. Herbert, at a small tea Wednesday afternoon.

The former Ambassador to Russia and Mrs. George T. Marye have closed their beautiful estate at Burlingame, Cal., and are now in New York, where they were joined by Miss Doyle, who has been spending a few days in Washington en route from Pittsburgh, where she has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Andrew Moreland. Little Miss Helen Marye is now with her aunt, Mrs. Moreland, in Pittsburgh, and will return about the middle of this month to join her parents here who have opened their house at Connecticut avenue and N street for the winter.

The Secretary of Commerce William Redfield and Mrs. Redfield, who went to New York last week, have returned to Washington.

### December Brides.

One of the most charming weddings of the winter took place Wednesday evening, when Miss Mary Louise Grunwell became the bride of Mr. Walter C. English. The wedding took place at the home of the bride, 1515 Thirtieth street. The ceremony was performed by her uncle, Rev. George E. Truett, and the bride was given in marriage by her eldest brother, Dr. A. G. Grunwell, U. S. N.

The bride was very lovely in a handsome gown of white satin and Duchesse lace, caught with orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley. The maid of honor, Miss Jane Lockwood, wore a gown of pink chiffon over silver and carried pink roses. The house was elaborately decorated in American beauty roses and white chrysanthemums.

The guests included a large number of relatives and a very few of the

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### Recent Dinner Parties.

The Italian Ambassador and Countess di Cellere were the honor guests at a dinner given by the Counselor of the State Department and Mrs. Frank L. Polk. The Secretary of War and Mrs. Baker were among the guests.

Mrs. Thomas Cleland Dawson entertained at dinner at the Chevy Chase Club, the guests including Representative and Mrs. Fred Britten, Maj. and Mrs. Andrew Moses, Maj. and Mrs. George W. Cochen, Capt. and Mrs. Robinson, Capt. and Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Horace Macfarland, Maj. Van Deman, Capt. Meade, Mr. Raymond Richardson and Mr. Charles Beaumont.

Mrs. and Mrs. William Wheatley entertained at dinner at the Chevy Chase Club, their guests being seated at two tables, one for young people and the other for the married guests.

Among the young guests, who were asked to meet Miss Minna Blair, debutante daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery Blair, were Miss Edith Blair, Miss Adelaide Tuttle, Miss Margaret Tuttle, Miss Roberta Wiley, Miss Natalie Smith, Miss Edith Evans, of New York, who is visiting Mrs. Wheatley, Mr. Ballard, Mr. Beverly Sinclair, and Mr. John Remy.

At the table with Mr. and Mrs. Wheatley were Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Mann, Mr. and Mrs. Reeves Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick E. Chapin, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Tuttle, Dr. and Mrs. Walter Wells and Mr. A. H. Evans, of New York.

Mrs. Julius Conrad was the guest of honor at a dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. Naddy Wood. Those asked to meet her were Col. and Mrs. Clement A. F. Flieger, Col. and Mrs. W. W. Harts, Col. and Mrs. Jay E. Hoffer, Col. and Mrs. Cruikshanks, Maj. and Mrs. Barnhart, Mrs. Hampton Gary, Miss Anne Lomax, Maj. Blanton Winship and Maj. Kelley.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hume had dinner with them at Chevy Chase Club Mr. and Mrs. King Stone, Miss Margaret Fahnestock, Miss Georgia Schofield, Miss Carolyn Nash, Miss Adelaide Heath, Miss Margaret McChord, Miss Elizabeth Heath, Commander Stator, Commander Jewell, Lieut. Watson, and Messrs. Wilson, Haywood, Sylvanus Stokes, Ralph Hill, Robert Patterson and Edward Dewey.

The third dinner dance of the season at the University Club will be held Tuesday, December 12, at 8 o'clock.

Dr. and Mrs. Dorsey M. McPherson have sent out cards for a tea and dance at their residence, 1819 Fifteenth street, Tuesday, December 12, in compliment to Miss Huddleston.

The commandant of the Naval Academy, Capt. Edward W. Eberle, and Mrs. Eberle, will have as their weekend guests at Annapolis for the dance at the academy, December 20, Miss Dulles, Miss Margaret Fahnestock, Miss Dolores Crawford and Miss Nellie Johnson.

Miss Taylor Logie, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Rush Logie, will make her formal debut at a tea which her parents will give at the Washington Club Tuesday, December 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery Blair will entertain at dinner on Friday evening, December 15.

Mrs. George E. Hamilton, Miss Hamilton and Miss Louise Hamilton have cards out for Wednesday, January 3, from 5 till 7 o'clock, at their residence, 1728

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### Social Engagements.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Bennett have sent cards out for an afternoon reception on December 27, at Raucher's, to present their only daughter, Miss Amy Bennett.

Maj. and Mrs. Earl J. Brown will give a dinner in honor of Gen. and Mrs. William M. Black. Maj. and Mrs. Brown also will be hosts at dinner December 13.

The officers of the Navy Yard, Navy Hospital and ships, who will give two dances this season at the Navy Yard, have issued invitations for the first dance, to be given December 20. The second dance will be given about the middle of February.

Miss Marie Sims and Miss Enid Sims, daughters of Representative and Mrs. Thelus Sims, will entertain at a buffet luncheon in honor of Miss Louise Hamilton, the debutante daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Hamilton, on Saturday, December 23, at the Brighton.

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Admiral and Mrs. Albert Gleaves will entertain at a dinner in honor of Miss Minna Blair at the Chevy Chase Club December 13.

Invitations are being issued for the Friday evening dances, the first to be held at the Willard, January 5. There will be ten dances, the others to be on the successive Friday nights. The patrons for these dances include the Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Franklin K. Lane, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Gen. George Barnett, Col. Robert N. Thompson, Dr. Wilmer, Mr. Gibson Fahnestock, Mr. C. C. Glover and Mr. Montgomery Blair.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wallace have cards out for a dance December 27 at 10 o'clock, for their niece, Miss Sallie Beecher.

Dr. Howard, assisted by Mrs. John Dewhurst Patton, the godmother of the debutante, and Miss Thurber, of New York, will present his daughter, Miss Candace Leland Howard, at a reception at the Club of Colonial Dames on the afternoon of December 22, from 5 till 7 o'clock.

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